

Canada

A Chance To Broaden Your Horizons

A Guide for Applicants
in Hong Kong

The Arrangement

The Working Holiday Arrangement between Canada and Hong Kong takes effect on 1 March 2010. The Arrangement allows young people from Canada and Hong Kong to travel and work in the other territory, for up to one year. This provides an opportunity for Canadian and Hong Kong youth to broaden their horizons and gain first-hand living experience in a foreign culture, while allowing them to supplement their funds through incidental employment.

Working Holiday Working Permit

Successful Hong Kong applicants will be issued a Letter of Introduction, which can be exchanged for a work permit at the port of entry in Canada. During their stay, working holidaymakers can take up employment while in Canada in order to supplement their travel funds. There are currently 200 places per year under this Scheme. Qualified applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, Hong Kong applicants wishing to travel to and work in Canada must:

- > be ordinarily resident in the HKSAR, holding a valid HKSAR or BNO passport;
- > comply with all relevant immigration legislation and regulations, including admissibility;
- > be aged between 18 and 30 and not be accompanied by dependent family members under this application;
- > possess a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such a ticket, and have proof that they possess the financial resources necessary to provide for their needs during the period of initial stay in Canada (CDN\$2,500);
- > pay the applicable fee (in HKD equivalent of CDN\$150);
- > purchase insurance for medical and health care for the entire duration of the stay; and
- > confirm that their intention is to improve their knowledge of the languages, culture and society of Canada.

For information on how you can apply for this program, please visit www.hongkong.gc.ca.

Application to The Program

Lodging Your Application

You may send your application to the Canadian Consulate General in Hong Kong:

via Post:

International Experience Canada
Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong
14th Floor, Tower 1, Exchange Square
8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong

Remarks: The Canadian Consulate General does not take any responsibility for lost or misdirected mail. Applicants choosing to mail their application may wish to use more secure means to do so, such as registered mail or courier.

In Person:

Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong
14th Floor, Tower 1, Exchange Square
8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong
Monday - Friday: 08:30 - 17:00

Please enclose your application in an envelope addressed to "International Experience Canada" when submitting in person.

Remarks: Detailed arrangements for the Scheme may vary from time to time. Applicants are advised to check with the Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong before application.

Finding Work While in Canada

Working holiday participants are free to choose from a wide range of available job options within Canada. Employment in a profession, however, is dependent upon recognition of qualifications and any rules of registration for practice in that profession.

For information about living, working temporarily, and travelling in Canada, please refer to the following websites:

www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/before-canada.asp

www.cic.gc.ca/english/work/index.asp

www.canada.travel/splash.en-ca.html

<http://workingincanada.gc.ca/>